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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

In re application of	:	Timo Hillebrand, et al.
Application Serial No.	:	10/534,387
International Filing Date	:	November 10, 2003
Title	:	Novel Buffer Formulations for Isolating, Purifying and Recovering Long-Chain and Short-Chain Nucleic Acids
Confirmation No.	:	2884
Attorney Docket No.	:	050372

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Pittsburgh, PA 15219
March 13, 2007

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Official Action mailed on December 28, 2006, and having a shortened statutory period for reply of March 28, 2006. This paper is believed timely without the need for an extension. If an extension is necessary, kindly grant one and deduct the fee for same from Deposit Account No. 02-4800, in the name of Buchanan Ingersoll PC.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.